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Indiana Family Preservation Evaluation

INFPS Evaluation Team

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Why Evaluate INFPS?



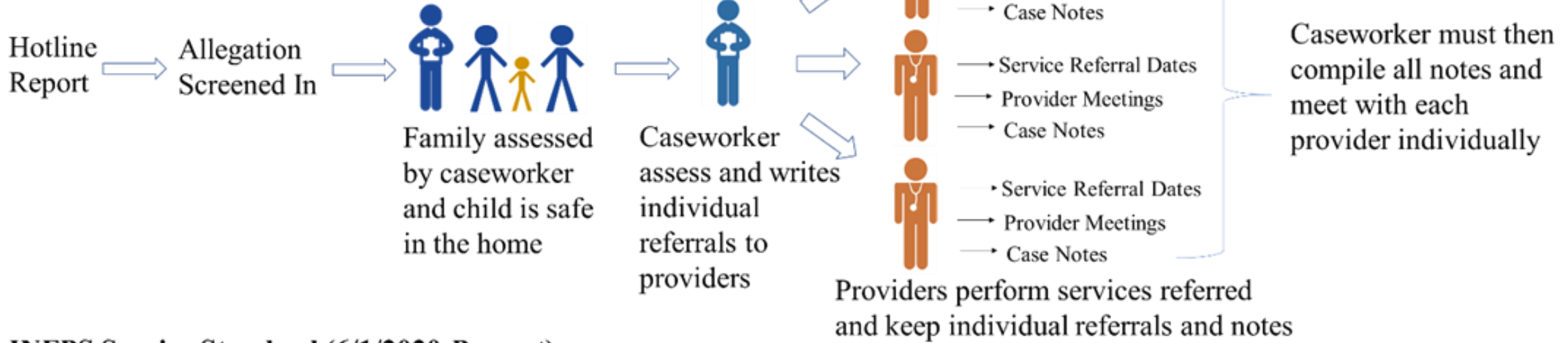
- Indiana did not have a previous Family Preservation Program
- In 2017, Indiana's rate of children in out of home care was 13 per 1,000, double the national average (Baker et al., 2018)
- Between 2005 and 2017 the number of children in out of home care increased by 89% (Baker et al., 2018)
- Repeat Maltreatment barely misses national standard of 94.6% of children will not have an event within 6 months of prior incident with 93.88% (Baker et al., 2018)



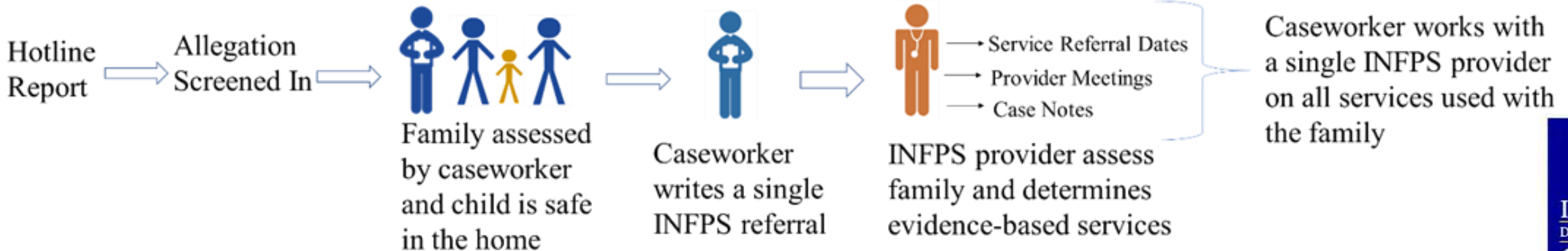
INFPS Evaluation Theory of Change



Prior Service Standard (1/1/2010-5/30/2020)



INFPS Service Standard (6/1/2020-Present)



Evaluation Design



- Cohort Design
 - INFPS Referrals Received between Jan-Feb 2021
 - All Children that started an IA or In-home CHINS case in their home Jan-Feb 2019
- Research Questions
 - Fidelity to Service Standard
 - Child and Family Outcomes



Fidelity Research Questions



1. Are providers with an INFPS referral using evidence-based services according to the service standard set by the CEBC?
2. Are providers with an INFPS referral only using evidence-based services ranked as promising practice or higher on the CEBC?
3. Do families accepted for an INFPS referral receive a face-to-face contact within three days of the accepted referral date?



Outcome Research Questions



1. How does the use of concrete supports on an INFPS referral impact the number of children removed?
2. How does the use of concrete supports on an INFPS referral impact the number of children with a subsequent substantiated allegation of abuse or neglect?
3. How does the number of children removed prior to the INFPS service standard compare to the number of children removed post INFPS service standard?
4. How does the number of children removed due to allegations of neglect prior to the INFPS service standard compare to the number of children removed due to allegations of neglect post INFPS service standard?
5. How does the number of children with a subsequent substantiated allegation of abuse or neglect prior to the INFPS service standard compare to the number of children with a subsequent substantiated allegation of abuse or neglect post INFPS service standard?



How Can You Help?



- Timely & uniform submission of monthly documents
 - Allows for fidelity checking of service standard
 - Provides a means to track which evidence-based models are being in used on a case-by-case basis in addition to how model usage changes over time
- Each month thousands of documents are uploaded – proper documentation streamlines the entire evaluation process



Data Collection: Survey Monkey



- Survey Monkey form provides a straightforward way of tracking fidelity to the service standard and evidence-based models
 - Form allows input for date when referral was received, date of first face-to-face contact, etc.
 - Provides an up-to-date list of all evidence-based models as ranked by the CEBC
 - Does not require knowledge of every model
 - At least one model used with a family should be listed
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/INFPS>



Evaluation Timeline



- Pilot Period - 6/1/2020-12/31/2020
- Cohort Collection - 1/1/2021-2/27/2021
- 6 Month Analysis - 6/1/2021-8/31/2021
- 12 Month Analysis -12/1/2021-1/31/2022



Want More Information?



Preservation Website: <http://www.in.gov/dcs/4102.htm>

- i. FAQ INFPS Evaluation
- ii. Full Evaluation Plan

Specific Evaluation Questions Email SSAT@dcs.IN.gov

General INFPS Service Questions: Email ChildWelfarePlan@dcs.in.gov

INFPS Invoicing Questions: Email DCSpaymentresearchunit@dcs.IN.gov



Questions?





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